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INFO COAST GUARD WASHDC  
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SUBJECT: OMEGA NAVIGATIONAL SYSTEM

REFS: (A) STATE 162044 (B) STATE 181791 (C) STATE 186846

1. LOW MORALE AND POOR MANAGEMENT IN ALL ZAIRIAN INSTITUTIONS  
MAKES THE CHOICE OF ANY ONE OF THEM AS LOCATION FOR MONITORING  
STATION RISKY AT BEST.

2. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WILLING APPROACH FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS  
IN INDICATED ORDER TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY WOULD BE WILLING  
TO SIGN AGREEMENT WITH COAST GUARD:

A. INSTITUT SUPERIOR DES TECHNIQUES APPLIQUES (ISTA): THE  
INSTITUTE IS A TERTIARY LEVEL TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL ASSOCIATED  
WITH THE ZAIRIAN UNIVERSITY SYSTEM WHICH TRAINS STUDENTS FOR  
WORK IN THE COMMUNICATIONS FIELD. THE INSTITUTE SHOULD HAVE THE  
TECHNICAL EXPERTISE NECESSARY TO KEEP THE MONITORING SYSTEM  
GOING. HOWEVER THE SCHOOL SYSTEM IS CHRONICALLY SHORT OF FUNDS AND  
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EVEN THE NOMINAL EXPENSE TO BE ABSORBED BY THE HOST INSTITUTION  
MAY BE TOO MUCH OF A BURDEN FOR ISTA.

B. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS: THIS DEPARTMENT  
HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEA AND RIVER TRANSPORT IN ZAIRE. IT  
PRESIDES OVER SEVERAL SUBORDINATE ENTITIES INCLUDING THE OFFICE  
NATIONAL DE TRANSPORTS (ONATRA)

WHICH HAS PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY OVER RIVER TRANSPORT AND POST MANAGEMENT. ONATRA, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO DIRECT INTEREST IN THE OMEGA SYSTEM, IS ONE OF THE FEW WEE-MANAGED INSTITUTIONS WITHIN THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. DEPARTMENT OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS: THIS DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT TECHNICALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL TO HANDLE THE MONITORING STATION. HOWEVER, PTT IS NOTORIOUSLY MIS-MANAGED AND EMBASSY NOT SURE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WOULD RECEIVE NECESSARY SUPERVISION TO ENSURE CONSCIENTIOUS UPKEEP OF MONITORING STATION,.

3. AFTER INFORMAL APPROACH IS MADE TO SELECTED INSTITUTION TO DETERMINE ITS WILLINGNESS AND CAPABILITY, FORMAL NOTICE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT DESCRIBING THE PURPOSE OF THE MONITORING STATION AND REQUESTING PERMISSION TO UNDERTAKE A CONTRACT WITH THE CHOSEN INSTITUTION.

4. IF COAST GUARD CHOOSES ZAIRIAN INSTITUTION FOR MONITORING STATION, ALL CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING INSTRUCTION MANUALS MUST, REPEAT, MUST, BE PROVIDED IN FRENCH.  
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